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In re Application of	:	
LIVIU-NIKOLAE, Zainea	:	
Application No.: 10/510,760	:	DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/GR03/00016	:	
Int. Filing Date: 15 May 2003	:	PETITION
Priority Date: 21 May 2002	:	
Attorney Docket No.: None	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.181
For: WIDEBAND SOUND DIFFUSER ...	:	
METHODS MOUNTING IT	:	

This decision is in response to applicant's request to withdraw the abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 27 May 2005.

**BACKGROUND**

On 15 May 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/GR03/00016. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 27 November 2003. The deadline for entry into the national stage in the United States was 21 November 2004.

On 12 October 2004, applicant filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a check for \$460.

On 12 April 2005, the Office mailed Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) indicating that the application went abandoned for failure to timely pay the basic national fee.

On 27 May 2005, applicant made a submission contesting the holding of abandonment and submitted an additional \$290.

**DISCUSSION**

The basic national fee, as of 01 October 2004 until 08 December 2004, for a small entity with an EPO or JPO search report, was \$475. Applicant paid \$460, which was not enough to satisfy the basic national fee. When the complete payment was not received by 21 November 2004, the application went abandoned for failure to pay the basic national fee. As such, the Notification of Abandonment was proper.

To revive this application, applicant may wish to consider filing a petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b). The form for this petition is included with this decision. The fee for revival for a small entity is currently \$750. The proper reply is the basic national fee, which is currently \$150. Applicant also must furnish the search fee, \$200, the examination fee, \$100, a declaration of inventorship and the fee for late furnishing of the search fee, examination fee or declaration, \$130, but these fees and declaration are not required to revive the application. Applicant has currently furnished \$750.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

The application remains **ABANDONED**.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.



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Enclosure: Petition For Revival Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (Form PTO/SB/64/PCT)

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
DESIGNATING THE U.S. ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number  
(Optional)

First Named Inventor:

International (PCT) Application No.:

U.S. Application No.:  
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The above-identified application became abandoned as to the United States because the fees and documents required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c) were not filed prior to the expiration of the time set in 37 CFR 1.495(b) or (c) as applicable. The date of abandonment is the day after the date on which the 35 U.S.C. 371(c) requirements were due. See 37 CFR 1.495(h).

**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee
- (2) Proper reply
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee which is required for all international applications having an international filing date before June 8, 1995; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**

☐ Small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

**2. Proper reply**

A. The proper reply (the missing 35 U.S.C. 371(c) requirement(s)) in the form of \_\_\_\_\_ (identify type of reply):

☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ is enclosed herewith.

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.0 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. Statement. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

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